

January 12, 2006  
Recessed Work Session

Minutes

Members present

Brady Wooten- Chairman  
Allen Sneed- Vice- Chairman  
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner  
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner  
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager  
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board  
Ken Alley-Board of Elections  
Jack Shore-Board of Elections  
Claude Wiseman-Board of Elections  
Janet Choplin- Director of Elections  
Sue North- Elections

Chairman Wooten called the recessed meeting back to order. He asked the Board to suspend the rule on voting so they could take action on the voting machines.

**\*Commissioner Sneed made the motion to unsuspend voting so the Board could take action on the Elections issue regarding the new voting machines. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

The Board discussed the voting machines and maintenance of the machines.

Commissioner Phillips questioned the handicap machines. She commented the screen was not clear, hard to read.

Ken Alley, Board of Elections, stated per federal guidelines the county has to purchase the handicap machines.

Jack Shore, Board of Elections, stated each machine will be checked before the election by the company. They will have representatives available on Election Day for any problems/issues.

The Boards discussed training and personnel.

The Boards discussed materials/data packages.

**\*Commissioner Sneed made the motion to purchase 13 handicap and 15 regular optical scan voting machines from Election Systems & Software at a cost of \$192,212.25. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Claude Wiseman, Board of Elections, stated the extra personnel would be paid by the county.

The Board of Elections discussed storing the new machines.

### **Consultant Information**

Mr. Wood stated he spoke with David Long and he is interested in assisting the county. He suggested the following date for a workshop; January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-3:00. This would be the first phase and would cost \$1,000.

Commissioner Sneed stated water from Jonesville to the Lydall area, sewer from Yadkinville to I-77 are our first priorities; we already know that.

Mr. Wood stated David Long will regroup our priorities and move them into categories which we can work better towards.

Chairman Wooten inquired if David Long would develop a vision plan with the information we provide him. Will this cost the county more money?

Mr. Wood stated there is an action plan in the proposed agenda; breaking down the projects, giving purposes and clarifying the issues. The Board can decide after that if they want David Long to continue.

Chairman Wooten asked if Mr. Long would have a final plan?

Mr. Wood stated there would be an action plan. We can use Mr. Long as little or as much as the Board desires. Mr. Long organizes and helps small communities use their available resources to get projects completed.

Commissioner Sneed suggested inviting Mr. Long to the next commissioners' meeting.

Chairman Wooten stated he is leaning towards working with Mr. Long and he is very interested in talking with him and him putting our thoughts together collectively.

The Board discussed the costs associated with Mr. Long.

Commissioner Phillips asked if anyone was going to the national meeting in Washington?

Chairman Wooten stated he would give an answer at the commissioners' meeting whether he would be attending or not.

Commissioner Sneed suggested Mr. Wood also attend the meeting.

Chairman Wooten talked about rewards for employees who offer suggestions that are implemented to save the county money. He asked Mr. Wood to gather some information.

Commissioner Sneed discussed an issue in Environmental Health.

Mr. Wood stated he spoke with Mr. Reavis and currently there is no wait list.

Chairman Wooten discussed outsourcing work in various departments.

Mr. Wood discussed contracting the work in the Planning Department

Chairman Wooten inquired about billing procedures for EMS.

Chairman Wooten asked if the Board wanted to review the Land Use Plan.

Commissioner Sneed mentioned the farm use stipulations.

The Board discussed the schedule of values.

Commissioner Swaim inquired about 5-D.

The Board discussed funds for 5-D.

Commissioner Swaim asked about the Draughn property.

Mr. Wood stated there is a hearing scheduled tomorrow in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Wood credited BJ Cook and Jason Walker on taking care of the permit issue. He discussed fencing on the banks. The county is currently waiting on a letter from the CORP.

Commissioner Phillips stated there may need to be some changes in the Land Use/Zoning Plan.

Chairman Wooten asked if the Board wanted to offer suggestions to the Planning Board for them to review.

Commissioner Casstevens inquired about the bullpens.

Mr. Wood stated he met with architect groups and they would be submitting proposals by January 20th.

Commissioner Sneed updated the Board on the EMS base stations.

Mr. Wood reminded the Board about the water storage at the Forbush Fire Department.

### **Adjournment**

**\*Commissioner Sneed made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

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Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board